

I file these comments as a concerned private citizen. I state that I have no financial interest in the broadcasting industry whatsoever.

The ownership rules for broadcasters, as proposed, would have the overall effect of further increasing consolidation of radio and television stations and networks in the hands of a few large corporations. I believe this would be detrimental to the public interest, convenience, and necessity. There has already been too much market consolidation, in my view. Small local broadcasters will not be able to compete in such a marketplace, and the public will be further injured by a lack of locally-owned and controlled programming.

I am further concerned that this proceeding may be part of a larger unstated political agenda by the Administration to favor large corporations at the expense of small businesses, and is therefore not wholly motivated by the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The rules as proposed would decrease programming diversity and ownership. The Internet should have no influence on the Commission's perception of overall programming diversity. The World Wide Web is a different medium than radio and television, and is overall used far less by the public than radio and television.

I strongly urged the Commission to NOT adopt these rules, and to propose instead new rules that would greatly increase restrictions on the number of radio and television stations any one company may own.